



## Oncorhynchus mykiss

### Rainbow trout

#### General

1. Anadromous fish growing to 122cm
2. One of the most widely introduced fish species in the world

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Eastern Pacific from Alaska to Baja, California, Mexico
2. Habitat:
  - Tolerates water temperatures from 10-24<sup>0</sup>C
  - Occurs in freshwater lakes and water courses, seawater
  - Prefers lakes over rivers and streams

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Acclimatization societies, aquaculture, landscape/fauna 'improvement', locally via acclimatization societies, aquaculture and natural dispersal



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<http://www.issg.org/database/image.asp?ii=1659&ic=e>*

#### Sources

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